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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia SC 29210

Re: **Duke Energy Progress, LLC Update to Darlington Unit 5 Retirement Date**  
**Duke Energy Progress, LLC's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan**  
**Docket No. 2017-8-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") wishes to notify the Commission and all parties of the revised retirement date for the following combustion turbine ("CT") generating unit in connection with the 2017 Duke Energy Progress, LLC Integrated Resource Plan Update:

| <u>DEP Unit</u>         | <u>Capacity</u>          | <u>Old Retirement Date</u> | <u>New Retirement Date</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Darlington<br>CT Unit 5 | 66 MW<br>(winter rating) | March 2020                 | May 31, 2018               |

The Darlington CT Unit 5 has served DEP customers well over its useful life but, based upon the unit's condition and economic evaluations following a fire event on January 2, 2018, the Company determined that this unit will no longer provide economic and reliable commercial service to customers, and the unit will be retired effective May 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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